Foodgrains stored in the FCI godowns

*254. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of foodgrains stored in the godowns of FCI;

(b) whether it is enough to meet the States' requirement, and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the foodgrains taken by the States under BPL Scheme and Annapurna Anna Yojana in the third quarter of 2001?

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR): (a) The quantity of wheat and rice available in the Central Pool is 623 lakhs tonnes as per details given below:—

(In lakh tonnes)

Commodity	Quantity*
Wheat	357.97
Rice	265.03
Total	623.00

*As on 1.11.2001

(b) Yes, Sir. The monthly allocation of wheat and rice under the Targeted Public Distribution System at present is 9.88 lakh tonnes and 13.89 lakh tonnes respectively. The average monthly offtake during the current financial year has been 3.30 lakh tonnes of wheat and 6.06 lakh tonnes of rice. Hence the available stocks are more than sufficient to meet the requirements of the States.

(c) The lifting of foodgrains by the States under BPL and Annapooma schemes during the third quarter of the calendar year 2001 was as under:—

(In lakh tonnes)

Month	Below Poverty Line		Annapuma Scheme
	Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY)	Other than AAY	
July, 2001 August,	0.92	8.12	0.012
2001 September,	0.93	7.78	0.014
2001	1.15	7.20	0.008
Total	3.00	23.10	0.034

V-SAT and E.S.M.O Stations in Karnataka

*255. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of V-SAT Stations and Extended Satellite Money Order (E.S.M.O.) Stations that are presently functioning in Karnataka;

(b) the number of new V-SAT Stations and Extended Satellite Money Order Stations that are proposed to be set up in the State; and

(c) the places where these are proposed to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) to (c) 5 V-SAT stations and 91 Extended Money Order (ESMO) Stations are presently functioning in the State of Karnataka. During the current financial year, 5 more V-SAT Stations at Shimoga, Belgaum. Devengere, Bijapur and Hassan have been set up and the